GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA

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DISPOSAL OF SHIPS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether after the technical/viable report, the Shipping Corporation of India has identified to dispose four of its ships;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have delayed the permission resulting Rs.5.19 crores loss and also a loss of Rs. 72.48 lakhs for re-tender invitation for the disposal of these ships;

(d) if so, the reasons for delay in this regard; and

(e) the action taken against the officials responsible in this regard so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a)&(b) Yes, Sir. Shipping Corporation of India (SCI) had identified four ships viz. m.v. Kasturba, m.v. Harkishin, m.v. Veer Savarkar and m.v. Trimbakeshwar for disposal after a techno-economic study.

(c)&(d) As these vessels had not completed their economic life, SCI was required to obtain Government`s approval for disposal of these ships. Government approval was accorded after going through the proposals in detail and after examining all the related aspects. There has been some delay in the process. However the same cannot be said to have led to any loss, as SCI could not have finally disposed of the ships without Government`s approval.

(e) Does not arise.